



## **GROWING PATHWAYS IN CONTAINERS**

### **PLANTING AND SPACING**

Planting a container filled with wonderful succulents and ground covers is a great way to create a drought-tolerant, water-wise container garden. Planted Pathways offer interesting textures, shapes and colors, and they will give your containers year-round interest. When designing your planters consider unique containers. The pots don't have to be fancy – just different and fun. When using only succulents you don't need a large soil reservoir for water, it's okay to choose a short, wide container with room for several varieties, such as; Sempervivum, also known as hens and chicks, this a terrific choice because of its vigor and drought-tolerant nature. Sedum, is another nice drought-tolerant pick – and its blooms attracts butterflies. Lewisia. It has gorgeous blooms in colors of pure pink to orange and yellow, and flowers from late spring to early summer and then often reblooms in fall. It grows about 6-8 inches tall.

### **TEMPERATURE**

Always check the tag for light requirements and hardiness of each variety, these will differ from species to species. In warm regions, most succulents will survive outdoors in their containers year-round. But if you live in a colder climate, you should bring them in for winter. Be sure to find a southern or western exposure so that they can get bright light. They also like cool, dry conditions during winter.

### **SOIL**

It is important to use good soil, specific container mixes are available at your local Garden Center. In pots as in the ground, the plants need well-drained soil with lots of organic matter. Make sure you give your succulents in particular good drainage. They don't like wet feet! There are potting mixes available specifically for succulents. These soils are fast-draining, but they allow the plants to still get the water they need.

### **NUTRITION**

Planted Pathways varieties require fertilizer in the spring/summer when they are actively growing. In the fall, the plants are preparing to go dormant, so they don't require feeding. Choose a good, well-balanced liquid fertilizer, like 20-20-20. Make sure it's got some trace elements (small amounts of minerals like iron, zinc and copper) to help your plants grow.

### **WATER**

These are easy-care plants, so they don't require a lot of work. While ground covers and succulents are drought-tolerant, they still require watering. It is important to check soil moisture and water accordingly.